

DUXBURY HISTORY FILE
REFERENCE

Young legs boost shelter project

Students' walk raises \$2,000 for building of new facility

By KENDRA JOHNSON
The Patriot Ledger

Nearly 60 students walked from Duxbury's Alden School to the town's animal shelter yesterday, raising more than \$2,000 for the construction of a new facility.

Police escorted the middle and elementary school students to the animal shelter, where they had cookies and juice before taking a tour.

Fourth-grader Clifford Kensington raised \$140 for the new shelter. He said he has a dog and a rabbit and is glad that Duxbury has a no-kill shelter.

"I did it because I love dogs," Clifford said.

Many students said they thought the shelter would be larger.

"I wasn't expecting it to be this small," fifth-grader Olivia Rodriguez said. "I kind of think it should be a little bigger."

Olivia has a dog, a cat and seven fish. She raised \$102 for the new shelter.

Haley-Dee Parlin, the town's animal control officer, talked to

DUXBURY

the students about her job and the need for a new shelter.

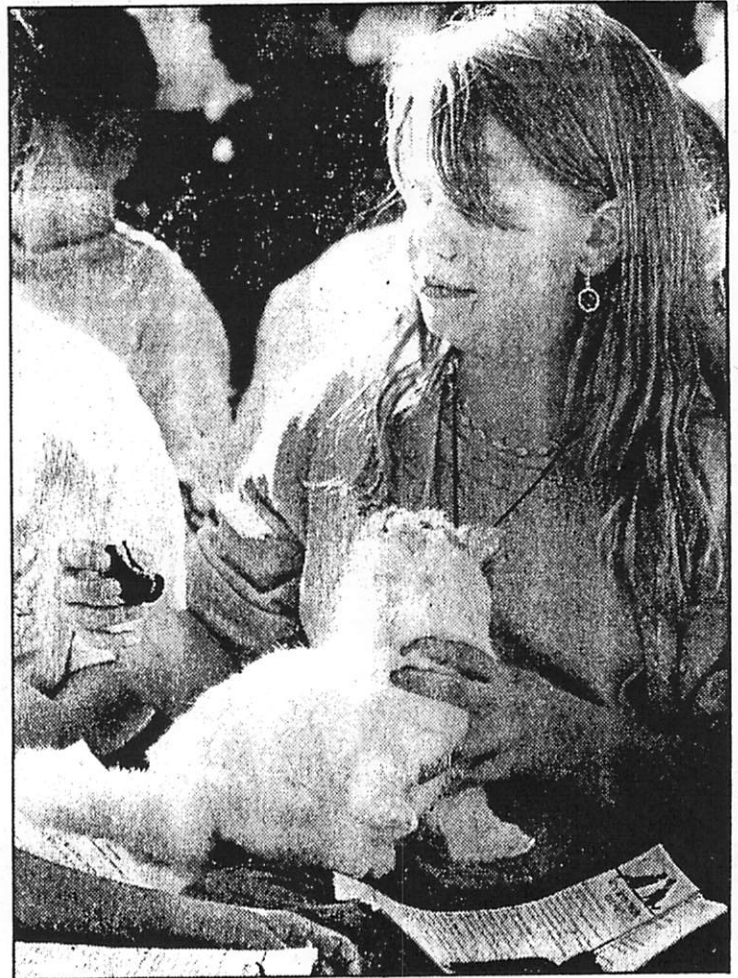
"We would like to build a new shelter because we don't have enough room to house all the animals that come through here," Parlin said.

She brought out a black-and-tan terrier for the children to pet. The dog deaf and blind — had been at the shelter for 10 days.

About \$45,000 has been raised for the new shelter, which will be larger and handicapped-accessible. Parlin said architectural plans for the building need to be drafted.

The students participated in the fund-raiser through the two schools' "Reach Out" after-school community service program. Program coordinator Lee Smith and other parent volunteers organize monthly projects.

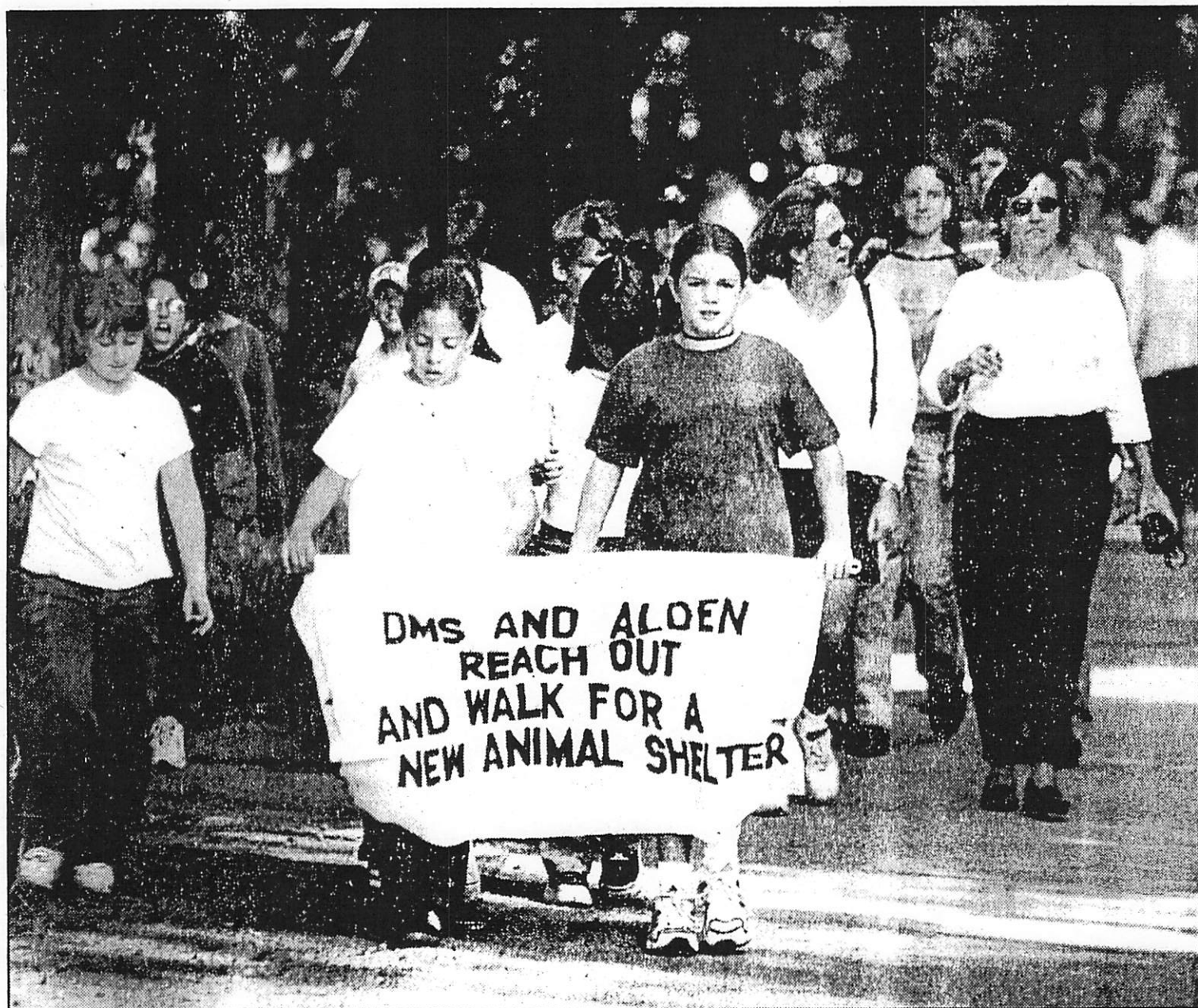
Next month, the students will gift wrap donated school supplies for children at the New England Home for Little Wanderers in Boston.



Caitlyn Rollock, 10, a fifth-grader at the Duxbury Middle School, holds her stuffed cat following the fund-raising walk.

"I did it because I love dogs."

Clifford Kensington, raised \$140



DEBEE TLUMACKI photos/The Patriot Ledger

Olivia Rodriguez, left, and Marlana Johnson, both 10, lead the way during a walk to raise money for an animal shelter in Duxbury.